

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 81), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Allen/Brownback Amendment No. 201 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide for a tax cut accelerator. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution on Friday, April 6, 2001, with votes to occur on or in relation to certain amendments, including Domenici Amendment No. 170, in the nature of a substitute, and final adoption of the concurrent resolution.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on Wellstone Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 170), listed above, to occur at 9:30 a.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William Howard Taft IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Canada. A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victoria Clarke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Kristine Ann Iverson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—83)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 10:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 6, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3568.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety resumed hearings to examine the interaction between United States environmental regulations and energy policy, and specific policy questions regarding the oil and gas sector, receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, New York, New York; Robert L. Hirsch, Annapolis Center for Science Based Public Policy, Arlington, Virginia; Thomas E. Stewart, Ohio Oil and Gas Association, Grandville, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America; Jason S. Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Taylor R. Bowlden, American Highway Users Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Carlos J. Porras, Communities for a Better Environment, Huntington Park, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

TAX SCAMS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the spread of tax scams by con artists by way of the Internet, including pure trusts, constitutional trusts, compensation for slaves' descendants, and church creation, and how to stop the practice and protect taxpayers, receiving testimony from Charles Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Hugh G. Stevenson, Associate Director, Division of Planning and Information, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Aaron Bazar, global-prosperity.com, North Potomac, Maryland; JJ MacNab, deathandtaxes.com, Bethesda, Maryland; Robert L. Sommers, taxprophet.com, San Francisco, California; Jay D. Adkisson, Quatloos.com, Irvine, California; and Joseph G. Hodges, Jr., Denver, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Canada.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current Presidential appointment process and the original purposes of the laws and processes affecting appointments, ascertain its effects on public service, and review recommendations for reform, after receiving testimony from Amy L. Comstock, Director, Office of Government Ethics; former Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, and Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C., former Director, Office of Management and Budget, both on behalf of the Brookings Institution Presidential Appointee Initiative.

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings to examine the goals and priorities of the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) for the 107th Congress, receiving testimony from Keller George, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Larry D. Thompson, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Theodore B. Olson, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Thompson was introduced by Senators Cleland and Miller, and Mr. Olson was introduced by Senators Warner and Nickles.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 93, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2001.

Committee Meetings**FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS**

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the dairy industry. Testimony was heard from Jerry Kozak, CEO, National Milk Producers Federation.

COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Enhancing Retirement Security and H.R. 10, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Cardin; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SYSTEMS—SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“Protecting America’s Critical Infrastructures: How Secure are Government Computer Systems?” Testimony was heard from Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance, Department of Energy; Sallie McDonald, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Assurance and Critical Infrastructure, GSA; Ron Dick, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, FBI, Department of Justice; Robert F. Daccy, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; John S. Tritak, Director, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office, Department of Commerce; and Tom Noonan, President and CEO, Internet Security Systems, Inc.

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held a hearing on “BEA: Is the GDP Accurately Measuring the U.S. Economy?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: J. Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis; and Frederick Knickerbocker, Associate Director, Economic Programs, Bureau of the Census; Bob Dennis, Assistant Director, Macroeconomic Analysis, CBO; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVAL DEPOSITORY FUNDS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and